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Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION FEBRUARY 1985 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

ALL 1984 ESTIMATES REVISED

All estimates of civilian labor force and nonagricultural wage and salary employment for 1984 have been revised. The 1984 revised estimates appearing in this issue are not comparable to any previously published data for 1984. These revisions utilize the most recent data available to reflect a refinement of previously published estimates. Similar revisions for 1983 are currently in progress and should be available within the next month. Tabulations of revised data for the State and specific MSA's may be obtained by writing to the Texas Employment Commission, Economic Research and Analysis Department, TEC Building, Austin, Texas 78778.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	113,475.0	114,027.0	111,025.0
Unemployment	9,131.0	7,978.0	9,755.0
Percent Unemployed	8.0	7.0	8.8
Total Employment	104,344.0	106,049.0	101,270.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	114,875.0	114,464.0	112,320.0
Unemployment	8,484.0	8,191.0	9,026.0
Percent Unemployed	7.4	7.2	8.0
Total Employment	106,391.0	106,273.0	103,294.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,754.9	7,902.7	7,600.7
Unemployment	536.0	443.5	553.4
Percent Unemployed	6.9	5.6	7.3
Total Employment	7,218.9	7,459.2	7,047.3
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,822.0	7,937.0	7,663.0
Unemployment	508.0	476.0	525.0
Percent Unemployed	6.5	6.0	6.9
Total Employment	7,314.0	7,461.0	7,138.0

CHANGES IN MSA DEFINITIONS

The composition and/or names of several Texas metropolitan areas have been changed, and these changes are reflected in TEC's data beginning with these January estimates. The Abilene, Texarkana, and Wichita Falls MSA's each dropped one county from their definitions. The new Brazoria PMSA was split from the Houston MSA, and the Dallas-Fort Worth MSA was split into two separate areas -- the Dallas PMSA and the Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA -- losing two counties in the process. If further information on these changes is needed, please contact us at the above address.

UNEMPLOYMENT RISES

Between December 1984 and January 1985, the actual State unemployment rate increased from 5.6 percent to 6.9 percent, as joblessness rose substantially. Although some of the increase was expected, due to seasonal layoffs of persons hired for Christmas, the ranks of the unemployed were also swelled by unexpectedly severe weather and scattered temporary layoffs in January.

There were, at mid-January, an estimated 536,000 unemployed in Texas, with the addition of more than 90,000 jobless over the month. Total employment dropped by 240,300 between December and January, to 7,218,900 in January. Although the rate rose considerably over the month, it was still below the year-ago rate of 7.3 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Jan.'85*	Dec.'84**	Jan.'84**	Jan.'85*	Dec.'84**	Jan.'84**	Jan.'85*	Dec.'84**	Jan.'84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	53,200	53,500	51,600	79,500	80,500	78,800	339,400	343,000	306,000
Manufacturing	5,600	5,600	5,200	9,600	9,700	10,000	41,600	41,600	37,300
Mining	4,000	4,000	4,100	--	--	--	1,100	1,000	1,000
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,800	4,500	4,600	4,300	27,700	27,200	21,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,900	6,300	6,500	6,400	9,400	9,400	8,600
Trade	14,400	14,800	13,500	23,900	24,300	23,400	72,900	75,500	67,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,700	2,700	2,700	4,300	4,400	4,300	23,500	23,400	20,000
Services & Misc.	12,800	12,700	12,400	17,100	17,100	16,900	75,300	74,800	65,000
Government	8,000	8,000	8,000	13,800	13,900	13,500	87,900	90,100	85,100
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	140,000	143,300	140,700	59,300	60,000	57,800	65,000	65,300	62,700
Manufacturing	29,300	30,300	31,400	16,900	17,100	17,300	10,700	10,700	10,500
Mining	3,000	3,000	2,900	2,300	2,400	2,300	100	100	100
Construction	8,800	9,400	9,600	7,200	7,300	6,500	3,500	3,600	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,800	11,800	11,000	2,600	2,500	2,300	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	33,900	35,300	32,900	10,500	11,000	10,800	18,400	18,700	17,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,600	5,600	2,100	2,200	2,100	3,200	3,200	3,200
Services & Misc.	27,800	27,900	27,300	7,400	7,300	7,200	11,800	11,800	11,100
Government	19,900	20,000	20,000	10,300	10,200	9,300	14,200	14,100	13,800
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/		
TOTAL	47,800	49,700	45,100	134,500	134,500	130,100	1,232.1	1,240.3	1,184.4
Manufacturing	3,400	3,300	3,300	13,900	13,700	13,200	223.4	224.6	216.2
Mining	1,500	1,400	1,400	7,700	7,800	7,700	23.6	23.6	23.4
Construction	3,000	3,000	2,800	10,900	11,000	10,300	76.3	76.9	72.4
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,600	1,500	7,600	7,600	7,700	76.3	76.0	74.5
Trade	10,500	10,500	9,700	34,200	34,400	32,800	327.2	333.0	316.8
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	1,900	6,300	6,300	6,500	116.1	116.3	109.7
Services & Misc.	7,300	7,300	7,000	26,800	26,500	25,100	257.3	257.2	243.8
Government	18,500	20,600	17,500	27,100	27,200	26,800	131.9	132.7	127.6
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	170,900	173,300	168,200	475,300	474,600	447,900	71,700	73,500	69,500
Manufacturing	38,000	38,600	36,300	110,000	109,500	103,700	10,300	10,400	10,500
Mining	400	400	300	5,000	4,900	4,500	1,000	1,000	900
Construction	8,700	8,900	8,700	28,200	28,600	27,000	3,800	4,200	4,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,700	9,700	10,000	23,800	23,900	23,100	6,100	6,000	5,800
Trade	41,000	42,000	40,000	131,000	131,900	124,000	13,200	14,100	13,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	8,400	8,300	8,300	26,400	26,100	24,200	4,800	4,800	4,800
Services & Misc.	29,300	29,900	29,800	90,000	89,000	84,300	12,100	12,200	10,800
Government	35,400	35,500	34,800	60,900	60,700	57,100	20,400	20,800	18,700

2/ In Thousands

In the seasonally adjusted series, the State's rate rose less dramatically, from 6.0 percent in December to 6.5 percent in January. The Nation's actual unemployment rate also increased over the month, from 7.0 percent to 8.0 percent. The January 1985 rate was considerably below the 8.8 percent rate recorded in January 1984. The seasonally adjusted rate, on the other hand, rose only slightly over the month, from 7.2 percent to 7.4 percent. The current rate in this series was also well below the year-ago rate of 8.0 percent.

WAGE & SALARY JOBS DECLINE SHARPLY

The count of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs in Texas dropped by over 63,000 between December and January, as every major industry category sustained losses. About half of the declines were seasonal in nature, as jobs created for the Christmas rush in trade were deleted and some manufacturing sectors reported layoffs.

Over 30,000 jobs in retail trade were lost between December and January. The largest drops occurred in the other retail trade sector (which includes jewelry, liquor and drug stores) and in general merchandise stores. These two sectors also hire the largest number of temporary workers in anticipation of the Christmas rush. Apparel and accessory stores also deleted a sizeable number of jobs over the month, as did food stores.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Jan.'85*	Dec.'84**	Jan.'84**	Jan.'85*	Dec.'84**	Jan.'84**	Jan.'85*	Dec.'84**	Jan.'84**
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
TOTAL	1,470.0	1,479.4	1,437.0	64,000	64,900	61,600	32,200	32,500	30,500
Manufacturing	175.9	176.1	174.1	8,600	8,600	8,300	1,800	1,900	1,900
Mining	96.0	96.7	93.6	--	--	--	1,800	1,800	1,600
Construction	108.8	111.4	117.3	3,500	3,600	3,600	1,100	1,100	1,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	100.8	100.8	97.9	3,000	3,100	3,000	3,600	3,600	3,300
Trade	374.5	380.0	364.3	15,800	16,300	14,800	10,000	10,100	9,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	110.2	110.2	104.4	2,700	2,700	2,500	1,600	1,700	1,400
Services & Misc.	325.7	327.0	313.1	11,800	11,900	11,400	5,000	5,000	4,900
Government	178.1	177.2	172.3	18,600	18,700	18,000	7,300	7,300	7,300
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	66,900	67,500	66,100	92,900	93,900	88,700	80,400	81,100	78,200
Manufacturing	15,300	15,200	14,900	8,900	9,200	9,000	11,200	11,200	10,300
Mining	4,600	4,700	4,900	--	--	--	1,800	1,800	1,600
Construction	4,800	4,900	4,600	4,300	4,400	4,000	4,300	4,300	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,300	3,400	3,400	5,200	5,200	4,800	2,600	2,700	2,700
Trade	16,600	16,800	16,400	27,100	27,600	26,100	24,600	25,100	24,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,000	2,900	5,700	5,600	5,400	3,500	3,500	3,300
Services & Misc.	10,900	11,000	11,000	20,400	20,300	19,400	12,200	12,200	11,600
Government	8,400	8,500	8,000	21,300	21,600	20,000	20,200	20,300	20,000
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
TOTAL	53,300	53,600	50,200	55,400	55,500	50,700	38,300	39,200	36,800
Manufacturing	3,600	3,600	3,600	5,200	4,900	4,900	5,500	5,500	5,500
Mining	12,900	12,900	12,600	8,800	8,700	8,500	900	900	900
Construction	2,800	2,800	3,000	4,100	4,200	3,400	2,500	2,600	2,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,400	2,800	2,700	2,700	3,800	3,800	3,800
Trade	12,600	12,900	11,900	16,100	16,800	14,500	9,600	10,300	8,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,600	3,500	2,300	2,300	2,200	1,800	1,800	1,700
Services & Misc.	8,900	8,800	8,000	8,400	8,200	7,600	7,600	7,600	7,100
Government	6,400	6,400	5,200	7,700	7,700	6,900	6,600	6,700	6,600
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	465,000	468,600	445,300	36,600	36,900	35,700	46,100	46,400	42,600
Manufacturing	51,700	52,000	49,900	11,600	11,800	11,800	7,600	7,700	6,800
Mining	3,500	3,600	3,300	300	300	300	100	100	100
Construction	34,300	34,500	32,300	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,700	1,900	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	17,800	17,900	18,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,900	1,900	2,000
Trade	123,200	125,300	115,000	8,100	8,200	7,400	11,900	12,100	10,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	34,500	34,200	32,700	1,300	1,400	1,300	1,700	1,700	1,700
Services & Misc.	99,200	100,000	94,600	7,100	7,000	6,700	8,500	8,300	7,900
Government	100,800	101,100	99,400	4,900	4,900	4,900	12,700	12,700	12,200
	TYLER			VICTORIA 4/			WACO		
TOTAL	60,800	61,200	59,700	29,300	29,500	28,400	76,500	77,500	74,000
Manufacturing	12,700	12,500	12,100	2,900	2,900	3,000	15,100	15,400	15,400
Mining	3,500	3,500	3,500	2,900	3,000	3,000	--	--	--
Construction	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,600	2,600	2,200	4,000	4,000	3,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,900	3,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,600	3,600	3,300
Trade	15,900	16,100	15,700	8,100	8,200	7,900	19,600	19,800	18,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,300	1,700	1,600	1,500	4,900	4,900	4,700
Services & Misc.	12,000	12,200	11,700	5,400	5,500	5,100	17,800	18,000	16,900
Government	7,800	7,900	7,700	4,200	4,200	4,200	11,500	11,800	11,400
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	51,700	52,200	50,600						
Manufacturing	9,200	9,200	8,600						
Mining	3,400	3,400	3,400						
Construction	2,000	2,100	1,900						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,600	2,600						
Trade	12,400	12,800	12,200						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,400	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,600	9,600	9,200						
Government	10,100	10,100	10,300						

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

3/ In Thousands.

4/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984	Change From Dec. 1984	Change From Jan. 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,485,500	6,548,600	6,282,300	-63,100	203,200
Manufacturing	1,000,600	1,005,900	973,700	-5,300	26,900
Durable Goods	582,200	586,100	560,800	-3,900	21,400
Lumber & Wood Products	41,100	41,400	41,300	-300	-200
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,000	7,000	7,100	0	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	17,800	18,200	17,800	-400	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	47,900	48,400	47,900	-500	0
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,300	23,400	22,200	-100	1,100
Primary Metal Industries	35,800	36,200	34,600	-400	1,200
Fabricated Metal Industries	82,800	83,300	80,400	-500	2,400
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	42,800	43,400	42,400	-600	400
Machinery, Except Electrical	134,000	133,900	126,700	100	7,300
Oil Field Machinery	40,800	40,700	37,600	100	3,200
Electric & Electronic Equipment	110,100	111,900	103,100	-1,800	7,000
Transportation Equipment	76,900	77,100	73,700	-200	3,200
Aircraft & Parts	39,700	39,400	38,000	300	1,700
Instruments & Related Products	23,000	22,800	22,500	200	500
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,800	12,900	12,800	-100	0
Nondurable Goods	418,400	419,800	412,900	-1,400	5,500
Food & Kindred Products	97,200	98,300	93,400	-1,100	3,800
Meat Products	25,000	25,300	24,800	-300	200
Dairy Products	5,200	5,200	5,100	0	100
Bakery Products	11,200	12,100	10,500	-900	700
Malt Beverages	2,900	2,900	3,100	0	-200
Textile Mill Products	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	60,200	60,200	61,600	0	-1,400
Paper & Allied Products	23,900	24,000	23,400	-100	500
Printing & Publishing	72,400	72,400	70,500	0	1,900
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,900	36,000	35,400	-100	500
Chemicals & Allied Products	77,200	77,100	76,200	100	1,000
Petroleum & Coal Products	41,300	41,500	42,500	-200	-1,200
Petroleum Refining	38,100	38,300	39,200	-200	-1,100
Leather & Leather Products	7,700	7,700	8,000	0	-300
Other Nondurable Goods	33,700	33,800	32,500	-100	1,200
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,484,900	5,542,700	5,308,600	-57,800	176,300
Mining	271,500	273,300	266,100	-1,800	5,400
Oil & Gas Extraction	261,900	263,700	256,500	-1,800	5,400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,600	9,600	9,600	0	0
Construction	420,200	427,100	417,900	-6,900	2,300
Transportation & Public Utilities	372,200	373,000	363,300	-800	8,900
Railroad Transportation	24,400	24,800	23,800	-400	600
Transportation, Except Railroads	179,900	180,300	170,700	-400	9,200
Transportation by Air	37,900	37,800	35,700	100	2,200
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	89,200	89,000	90,000	200	-800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,700	78,900	78,800	-200	-100
Electric Services	44,300	44,400	44,000	-100	300
Gas Production & Distribution	28,300	28,400	29,100	-100	-800
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,623,000	1,653,600	1,586,400	-30,600	36,600
Wholesale Trade	427,800	427,900	429,200	-100	-1,400
Retail Trade	1,195,200	1,225,700	1,157,200	-30,500	38,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	53,600	54,200	51,900	-600	1,700
General Merchandise Stores	160,500	171,900	153,400	-11,400	7,100
Food Stores	213,500	215,800	205,400	-2,300	8,100
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	136,000	136,300	131,800	-300	4,200
Apparel & Accessory Stores	84,900	88,400	80,500	-3,500	4,400
Other Retail Trade	546,700	559,100	534,200	-12,400	12,500
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	420,900	421,100	404,600	-200	16,300
Banking	105,400	105,400	102,800	0	2,600
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	128,800	128,800	124,900	0	3,900
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	186,700	186,900	176,900	-200	9,800
Services	1,270,400	1,279,300	1,211,900	-8,900	58,500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	76,600	78,800	74,500	-2,200	2,100
Personal Services	81,500	81,300	75,100	200	6,400
Business & Repair Services	358,500	361,000	332,800	-2,500	25,700
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	50,100	52,100	43,400	-2,000	6,700
Health Services	341,500	341,000	340,200	500	1,300
Educational Services	56,300	59,900	57,300	-3,600	-1,000
Other Services & Miscellaneous	305,900	305,200	288,600	700	17,300
Total Government	1,106,700	1,115,300	1,058,400	-8,600	48,300
Total Federal Government	180,000	180,400	173,200	-400	6,800
Total State Government	257,800	264,700	236,900	-6,900	20,900
Total Local Government	668,900	670,200	648,300	-1,300	20,600

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Jan. '85*	Dec. '84**	Jan. '84**	Jan. '85*	Dec. '84**	Jan. '84**	Jan. '85*	Dec. '84**	Jan. '84**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	62,700	63,800	62,500	98,700	100,900	98,700	380,300	389,900	346,100
Total Unemployment	3,200	2,300	3,600	5,900	4,700	5,500	14,800	11,900	13,600
Percent Unemployed	5.1	3.6	5.8	6.0	4.7	5.6	3.9	3.1	3.9
Total Employment 2/	59,500	61,500	58,900	92,800	96,200	93,200	365,500	378,000	332,500
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	174,000	177,100	176,100	82,200	83,900	81,900	92,700	92,300	90,500
Total Unemployment	22,700	18,500	22,400	5,900	4,700	6,200	13,700	11,200	14,500
Percent Unemployed	13.0	10.4	12.7	7.2	5.6	7.6	14.8	12.1	16.0
Total Employment 2/	151,300	158,600	153,700	76,300	79,200	75,700	79,000	81,100	76,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,300	59,600	54,100	168,000	168,500	165,100	1,281.0	1,307.6	1,244.2
Total Unemployment	2,500	2,100	2,600	15,200	12,400	16,300	55.9	42.9	54.3
Percent Unemployed	4.4	3.5	4.8	9.0	7.4	9.9	4.4	3.3	4.4
Total Employment 2/	53,800	57,500	51,500	152,800	156,100	148,800	1,225.1	1,264.7	1,189.9
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	199,800	204,400	197,300	596,400	605,900	570,600	91,100	96,500	91,000
Total Unemployment	23,200	20,000	21,800	28,800	23,700	28,500	10,900	8,900	9,500
Percent Unemployed	11.6	9.8	11.0	4.8	3.9	5.0	12.0	9.2	10.4
Total Employment 2/	176,600	184,400	175,500	567,600	582,200	542,100	80,200	87,600	81,500
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,639.8	1,664.8	1,633.2	76,500	78,000	73,700	39,500	39,300	39,800
Total Unemployment	119.9	97.9	131.4	5,100	4,000	4,600	7,100	5,900	8,900
Percent Unemployed	7.3	5.9	8.0	6.7	5.1	6.2	18.0	15.0	22.4
Total Employment 2/	1,519.9	1,566.9	1,501.8	71,400	74,000	69,100	32,400	33,400	30,900
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,800	77,700	77,800	111,200	114,800	109,900	122,200	121,400	117,900
Total Unemployment	7,400	6,000	7,900	5,900	5,600	8,100	28,600	25,000	29,900
Percent Unemployed	9.6	7.7	10.2	5.3	4.9	7.4	23.4	20.6	25.4
Total Employment 2/	69,400	71,700	69,900	105,300	109,200	101,800	93,600	96,400	88,000
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	65,900	66,900	62,700	70,100	70,200	65,600	49,900	51,200	48,900
Total Unemployment	3,100	2,300	3,300	3,900	3,000	4,800	2,500	2,000	2,400
Percent Unemployed	4.7	3.4	5.3	5.6	4.3	7.3	5.0	3.9	4.9
Total Employment 2/	62,800	64,600	59,400	66,200	67,200	60,800	47,400	49,200	46,500
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	523,000	535,800	507,400	42,400	43,100	41,100	50,700	49,900	47,900
Total Unemployment	29,400	26,300	30,500	2,900	2,500	2,800	4,500	3,800	4,400
Percent Unemployed	5.6	4.9	6.0	6.8	5.8	6.8	8.9	7.6	9.2
Total Employment 2/	493,600	509,500	476,900	39,500	40,600	38,300	46,200	46,100	43,500
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,700	82,000	78,900	37,100	37,800	37,100	91,200	93,600	88,600
Total Unemployment	4,600	4,400	4,400	2,300	1,900	3,000	5,600	4,700	4,800
Percent Unemployed	5.8	5.4	5.6	6.2	5.0	8.1	6.1	5.0	5.4
Total Employment 2/	75,100	77,600	74,500	34,800	35,900	34,100	85,600	88,900	83,800
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,400	62,700	62,100				7,754.9	7,902.7	7,600.7
Total Unemployment	3,600	2,900	4,400				536.0	443.5	553.4
Percent Unemployed	5.9	4.6	7.1				6.9	5.6	7.3
Total Employment 2/	57,800	59,800	57,700				7,218.9	7,459.2	7,047.3

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan.± 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984	Jan.± 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984	Jan.± 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	378.84	386.40	377.87	41.0	42.0	41.8	9.24	9.20	9.04
Durable Goods	368.83	379.80	367.38	40.8	42.2	41.7	9.04	9.00	8.81
Lumber & Wood Products	250.66	257.74	252.70	37.3	38.7	39.3	6.72	6.66	6.43
Furniture & Fixtures	217.71	228.34	214.70	36.9	39.1	37.8	5.90	5.84	5.68
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	357.43	369.67	353.18	42.1	43.8	42.5	8.49	8.44	8.31
Primary Metal Industries	425.57	422.47	410.23	40.3	41.5	40.9	10.56	10.18	10.03
Fabricated Metal Products	360.64	370.64	359.79	41.5	42.7	40.7	8.69	8.68	8.84
Machinery, exc. Electric	384.98	398.79	384.48	41.8	43.3	43.2	9.21	9.21	8.90
Oil Field Machinery	499.05	511.98	493.56	45.0	46.0	45.7	11.09	11.13	10.80
Electric & Electronic Equip.	382.05	409.81	390.93	40.6	42.6	41.9	9.41	9.62	9.33
Transportation Equipment	504.78	504.90	501.48	42.1	42.5	44.3	11.99	11.88	11.32
Instruments & Related Prod.	290.25	293.64	301.84	38.7	39.1	39.2	7.50	7.51	7.70
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	276.69	290.37	282.27	40.1	41.6	39.7	6.90	6.98	7.11
Nondurable Goods	392.35	395.96	391.35	41.3	41.9	41.9	9.50	9.45	9.34
Food & Kindred Products	323.33	341.91	345.49	42.1	43.5	43.9	7.68	7.86	7.87
Meat Products	268.51	273.84	290.61	43.1	42.0	42.8	6.23	6.52	6.79
Malt Beverages	705.06	701.12	661.59	45.4	44.8	43.1	15.53	15.65	15.35
Textile Mill Products	284.14	281.47	281.35	42.6	42.2	42.5	6.67	6.67	6.62
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	193.42	188.88	185.11	38.0	37.7	37.7	5.09	5.01	4.91
Paper & Allied Products	424.66	425.70	424.46	43.2	43.0	44.4	9.83	9.90	9.56
Printing & Publishing	352.17	372.91	345.14	39.0	40.8	39.9	9.03	9.14	8.65
Chemicals & Allied Products	615.90	609.33	607.59	43.1	42.7	43.0	14.29	14.27	14.13
Petroleum & Coal Products	666.08	641.55	631.81	46.0	45.5	44.4	14.48	14.10	14.23
Petroleum Refining	691.46	664.63	655.79	46.5	45.9	44.4	14.87	14.48	14.77
Leather & Leather Products	186.14	208.66	195.30	33.6	36.8	36.1	5.54	5.67	5.41
Other Nondurable Goods	356.87	355.32	371.91	41.4	42.1	43.6	8.62	8.44	8.53
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	475.94	489.06	478.33	44.9	46.4	47.5	10.60	10.54	10.07
Oil & Gas Extraction	479.25	492.90	482.66	45.0	46.5	47.6	10.65	10.60	10.14
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	399.83	396.20	384.99	42.9	43.3	45.4	9.32	9.15	8.48
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	444.83	446.35	431.46	39.4	39.5	38.8	11.29	11.30	11.12
Elec., Gas & San. Services	436.30	437.70	435.76	39.7	39.9	41.9	10.99	10.97	10.40
Wholesale & Retail Trade	229.10	232.22	232.86	33.3	34.2	34.6	6.88	6.79	6.73
Wholesale Trade	363.53	370.64	355.77	39.3	40.2	40.2	9.25	9.22	8.85
Retail Trade	184.98	187.73	191.88	31.3	32.2	32.8	5.91	5.83	5.85
General Merchandise Stores	175.94	186.45	173.50	31.7	33.0	30.6	5.55	5.65	5.67
Banking	268.48	275.71	265.68	38.3	39.5	40.5	7.01	6.98	6.56

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS								
Manufacturing	362.15	372.91	352.75	40.6	41.9	41.5	8.92	8.90	8.50
Durable Goods	371.97	386.06	363.03	40.3	42.1	41.3	9.23	9.17	8.79
Nondurable Goods	326.27	351.98	328.95	41.3	45.3	45.0	7.90	7.77	7.31
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	374.33	385.64	368.51	41.0	42.1	42.9	9.13	9.16	8.59
Durable Goods	390.99	404.92	381.38	41.2	42.4	42.9	9.49	9.55	8.89
Nondurable Goods	332.51	340.29	337.98	40.5	41.6	43.0	8.21	8.18	7.86
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	471.74	487.07	460.53	43.2	44.4	42.8	10.92	10.97	10.76
Durable Goods	423.28	440.25	408.41	44.0	45.2	42.9	9.62	9.74	9.52
Nondurable Goods	537.62	551.61	526.49	42.1	43.4	42.7	12.77	12.71	12.33
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	269.21	279.16	263.34	39.3	40.4	39.9	6.85	6.91	6.60
Durabld Goods	289.92	304.51	285.12	40.1	41.6	40.5	7.23	7.32	7.04
Nondurable Goods	249.10	254.02	242.87	38.5	39.2	39.3	6.47	6.48	6.18

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Employment declined in services in January, due largely to seasonal layoffs. The largest drop was in educational services, where auxiliary staff were temporarily laid off due to the semester break. Layoffs were also prevalent in business and repair services, particularly among temporary help agencies and protective services which accelerated during Christmas. The semester break was also responsible for the large declines in local and state government, as schools and colleges laid off personnel during the hiatus.

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The cold, icy weather which paralyzed much of the State during January adversely affected the construction industry, bringing work to a temporary standstill on many projects. Employment in construction declined by about 7,000 positions over the month. An abundance of oil reserves which pushed prices down produced a slowdown in oil and gas extraction in January. Mining employment dropped by 1,800 due to the these reductions. Smaller seasonal losses were noted in transportation and public utilities and in insurance and real estate over the month.

Almost every manufacturing industry registered employment declines in January. Aside from one large decrease in the durable goods sector, however, all of the reductions were fairly moderate. Over 5,000 manufacturing jobs were lost between December and January, and over three-fourths of these were in durable goods. The decline of 1,800 in electric and electronic equipment was primarily the result of layoffs among manufacturers of semiconductors and electronic capacitors, as demand for these products slowed. Most of the other over-the-month losses were smaller, and the majority were either seasonal or due to reduced consumer demand. There were an estimated 665,700 manufacturing production workers in Texas in January, down 200 from the December total.

HOURS DROP, EARNINGS RISE

The average number of hours worked by manufacturing production workers dropped by one hour between December and January, while average hourly earnings rose by 5¢ over the month. In January, an average employee worked 41.0 hours per week at $9.25 per hour, and averaged $379.25 a week. Weekly earnings were down due to the decrease in hours worked. Although hourly earnings had risen by 21¢ between January 1984 and January 1985, the number of hours worked had decreased by 0.8 hour, and average weekly earnings were only $1.38 above the year-ago average.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1985	Jan. 1984
Total Population	16,121,800	15,856,600*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	1.9
UI Covered Employers	304,223	296,013
Total Claims Actions	586,396	609,291
Total Initial Claims Actions	86,334	87,125
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	500,062	522,166
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$137.15	$134.07
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$56,487,546	$58,800,760
Total Placements	33,911	33,890

*Revised.
**Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.